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1. JERUSALEM POST APRIL 16 CARRIED STORY BY ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT ENTITLED "TALKS WITH SYRIA TO BE TOUGH BUT NOT HOPELESS". PERTINENT PARTS OF ARTICLE (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED) CARRIED BELOW.

2. ISRAEL EXPECTS A GOOD DEAL OF SHUTTling BY DR KISSINGER AND A GOOD DEAL OF TOUGH NEGOTIATING BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS WHEN US SECRETARY ARRIVES IN MIDDLE EAST TOWARDS MONTH'S END. SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED TO SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON AND TRANSMITTED BY HIM TO ISRAEL AMBASSADOR DINITZ REACHED JERUSALEM YESTERDAY--AND CAUSED NO SURPRISES AMONG PERSONS INVOLVED IN TALKS.

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3. ONE OF THESE OFFICIALS SAID HE HAD BEEN HOPEFUL ALL ALONG THAT

DISENGAGEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED, SINCE IT WAS IN INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES TO ACHIEVE IT--AND OFFICIAL SYRIAN PLAN HAD NEITHER DAMPENED NOR HEIGHTENED HIS HOPEFULNESS. HE SAID THAT BOTH TERRITORIAL ISSUE AND ISSUE OF "LINKAGE" TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME IN FORTHCOMING TALKS.

4. HE SAID SYRIA HAS DEMANDED, AND CONTINUES TO DEMAND, THAT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BE SPECIFICALLY LINKED TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY ENTAIL ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ENTIRE GOLAN HEIGHTS. SINCE ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO VACATE ALL THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, IT OBJECTS TO ANY SUCH LINKAGE--AND IT WILL BE LEFT TO SECRETARY'S DIPLOMATIC INGENUITY TO DEVISE A COMPROMISE FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

5. ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE, HE SAID, SYRIANS ARE STILL DEMANDING MUCH MORE THAN ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO HAND BACK UNDER A DISENGAGEMENT. WHILE ACCEPTING PRINCIPLE OF UNEF BUFFER-ZONE FLANKED BY SYRIAN AND ISRAEL LIMITED-FORCES ZONES, SYRIANS ENVISAGE THESE ZONES MUCH FURTHER TO SOUTHEAST THAN ISRAEL IS SUGGESTING.

6. "WELL-PLACED SOURCES IN JERUSALEM" CONFIRM REPORTS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN ARAB PRESS THAT THREE STRATEGIC HILLS OVERLOOKING TOWN OF KUNEITRA FROM SOUTHWEST WILL POSE MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN TOWN ITSELF, WHOSE RETURN WOULD HAVE NO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE BUT WOULD BE A MATTER OF PRESTIGE FOR SYRIA.

7. DR KISSINGER GAVE AMBASSADOR DINITZ NO FINAL DATE FOR HIS ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL, BUT HE IS EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO SOURCES HERE, ON THE 27TH OR 28TH OF THIS MONTH. DINITZ IS EXPECTED HERE AT THE WEEKEND TO TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S VISIT.

8. KISSINGER'S ANNOUNCED DETERMINATION TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS MIDDLE EAST VISIT WAS WELCOMED BY POLITICAL CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM AS EVIDENCE OF HIS RESOLVE NOT TO BE DETERRED FROM HIS PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS EITHER BY POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES HERE OR BY COLD WATER WHICH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV HAS POURED UPON HIS ATTEMPTS.

9. SECRETARY'S DECISION TO MAKE TRIP DESPITE GOI'S RESIGNATION
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WAS WELCOME HERE PARTICULARLY SINCE INITIAL REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON HAD SPOKEN OF AMERICAN DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD BE ABLE TO PURSUE ANY NEGOTIATIONS DURING COMING SUMMER OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY. POLITICAL CIRCLES DISCOUNTED THEORY THAT SECRETARY WAS HASTENING TO MIDDLE EAST IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE WITH MRS MEIR AND DAYAN BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE AND THEY HAD MADE WAY FOR OTHER, LESS FAMILIAR FACES.
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